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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S CONVERSATION WITH INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: ISLAMABAD 8799

1. MINISTER RIZA OF THE PAKISTAN EMBASSY REQUESTED BRIEF-
ING ON VISIT OF INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DURING CALL ON
LAINGEN OCTOBER 9. LAINGEN DREW ON STATE 199743, AVOIDING
DETAILS OF CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY BUT MAKING FOLLOWING
GENERAL POINTS:

(A) BULK OF TALKS WITH SINGH FOCUSED ON US/INDIAN
BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AND CURRENT STATE OF SIMLA PROCESS
IN SOUTH ASIA. ATMOSPHERE THROUGHOUT WAS WARM AND
FRIENDLY REFLECTING FACT THAT USEFUL DIALOGUE BETWEEN
US AND INDIA UNDERWAY.

(B) ON SIMLA, LAINGEN NOTED THAT SINGH HAD EMPHASIZED
INDIA'S INTENTION PERSEVERE WITH PEACE-MAKING EFFORT IN
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SOUTH ASIA AND THAT HE HAD GIVEN CREDIT TO ALL PARTIES

INVOLVED IN ACHIEVING RECENT DELHI AGREEMENT. SINGH HAD EMPHASIZED INDIA'S BASIC DESIRE TO HELP REINFORCE SOVERIGN EQUALITY OF ALL ITS NEIGHBORS IN SOUTH ASIA AND HAD STRESSED INDIA'S POLICY OF NO INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

(C) LAINGEN NOTED THAT SINGH HAD SOUGHT MEETING IN NEW YORK WITH AZIZ AHMED WHERE HE HAD EXPRESSED SOME OF INDIA'S CONCERNS OVER POINTS MADE BY BHUTTO IN UNGA SPEECH, PARTICULARLY PAK STANCE ON 195 POWS AND BHUTTO'S REFERENCE TO "PARITY" IN MILITARY AREA. DESPITE THESE CONCERNS HOWEVER SINGH HAD SAID INDIA REMAINED STRONGLY COMMITTED TO SIMLA PROCESS.

(D) SITUATION IN AREA IRAN AND PERSIAN GULF HAD ALSO BEEN DISCUSSED, WITH SINGH EXPRESSING WELL KNOWN INDIAN CONCERN OVER SHAH'S ARMS BUILDUP. ON AFGHANISTAN, WE HAD NOTED THAT OUR CONTACTS WITH NEW LEADERSHIP STILL LIMITED; NOTED HOWEVER THAT BOTH PAKISTAN AND IRAN CLEARLY TROUBLED BY DEVELOPMENTS THERE. SINGH HAD INDICATED HIS PLANS TO VISIT KABUL OCTOBER 19-20 AND HAD RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO SECRETARY'S EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN COMPARING NOTES AFTER THAT VISIT.

(E) RIZA ADVISED THAT US ARMS SUPPLY POLICY HAD NOT COME UP FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN QUERY BY INDIANS AS TO CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVED IN TRANSFER OF SIX HELICOPTERS. SECRETARY HAD EMPHASIZED FACT THAT THEY WERE IN CONNECTION WITH FLOOD RELIEF EFFORT.

(F) ON US/INDIAN BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP RIZA ADVISED BOTH SIDES IN GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THERE WAS NOW GOOD OBJECTIVE BASIS FOR BEGINNING NEW RELATIONSHIP. ALSO THAT WE HAD REAFFIRMED OUR VIEW THAT INDIA WAS KEY COUNTRY IN THE AREA WITH A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE TO STABILITY AND COOPERATION.

(G) RIZA ADVISED NATURE OF CONVERSATION RELATING TO RUPEE ISSUE BUT NOT RPT NOT DEBT RESCHEDULING.
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2. EMBASSY AUTHORIZED BRIEF MFA ALONG SIMILAR LINES, AVOIDING SPECIFICS BUT CONVEYING SENSE OF USEFUL, CORDIAL DISCUSSIONS THAT FOCUSED PARTICULARLY ON IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE OF CONTINUED PROCESS ACCOMMODATION IN SOUTH ASIA. KISSINGER

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